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As a consumer, I would ask that the DOJ take a much tougher line against a company that has been found guilty of monopolistic evils more than once.

I would ask that you:

- a) break Microsoft into various companies, one for the OS, another for applications and perhaps a third for their "internet strategy and services",
- b) require that any P.C. sold for the next 36 months come without Windows and its various flavours bundled and preloaded (hey maybe by forcing the consumer to see that there are alternatives...)
- c) require Microsoft to develop for the Macintosh platform for a minimum of 72 months
- d) require Microsoft to stick to the established standards when creating multimedia and/or web browsing software for a minimum of the next 36 months.
- e) prevent Microsoft from taking over any software company for the next 36 months (i.e. Adobe)

I see that Microsoft has just completed another legal challenge by agreeing to donate PCs to schools. Somehow, I doubt that training another generation of consumers that Microsoft is greatest/best/all powerful is really a good thing or a very harsh punishment. How about making sure that Microsoft donates Apple computers rather than machines that run Windows? That would be a fitting punishment.

Thank you

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"He who makes a beast of himself, lessens the pain of being a man"
(By now you would think my life was completely painless)